

March 5.

Lost Two Anchors.

Sch. W. H. Moody of this port, Capt. Andrew Gervensau, was at Portland Tuesday with 2000 pounds of halibut which she landed there. The craft also had on board 13,000 pounds of salt cod which she will bring to this port. The skipper reported very bad weather and heavy seas, the craft losing two anchors in heavy storms.

Fishermen's Unions.

The movement to form fishermen's unions in Newfoundland is spreading and properly managed will no doubt do much to improve the status of the "hardy toilers of the sea," and through them the community of the Island at large. A branch was lately formed at Argentia, and another at Marquis.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, LeHave Bank, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1800 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Paragon, Quero Bank, 30,000 lbs. halibut, 2000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Teazer, Brown's Bank, 15,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish, 2000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Tacoma, halibuting.
Sch. Agnes, halibuting.
Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.
Sch. Eugenia, Georges.
Sch. Rena A. Percy, Poston.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.65; medimus, \$1.37-1-2; Eastern cod, large \$1.65; medium, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60 cts.; hake, 60 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Blanche and Indiana are on Burnham's railways.

Sch. Victor is on Parkhurst's railways.

Sch. Thalia is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Boston.

Sch. Motor, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 cusk, 500 pollock.

Sch. Julietta, 2500 cod.

Sch. Mystery, 60,000 haddock, 6000 d.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 60,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 25,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Slade Gorton, 25,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4.00 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.00; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.00; pollock, \$3.00; cusk, \$3.00.

Portland Arrivals.

The following fishing vessels were at Portland Tuesday:

Sch. Maud S.
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett.
Sch. Lochinvar.
Sch. Marjie Turner.
Sch. Bernie and Bessie.
Sch. Mineola.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Teazer sold to the New England Fish Co. at 11 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

The fare of sch. Paragon sold to the American Halibut Co. at the same price.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, stocked \$1300 as the result of her recent haddock trip.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, stocked \$1186 as the result of her recent haddock trip.

Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date of the catch of 1908 are 41,082 barrels against 23,625 barrels at this time last year of the catch of 1907.

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SAW A WHALE

George Foster, a well-known Beverly fisherman, reports seeing a big 40-foot whale off Gales' ledge. While Mr. Foster was pulling his traps the whale came to the surface, spouted and spouted about for half an hour or so. Last summer a whale made lots of fun at the Willows, and it may be that this is the same fellow who is paying a winter visit.

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Nova Scotia Smelt Fishery.

The catching of smelts chiefly for the New York market is no new thing in the Maritime Provinces, and it is almost a matter of common knowledge that there is good money in it. Nevertheless, it has not received the general attention that might have been expected, and in Western Nova Scotia, at least it has been hitherto very much neglected.

It may be said that these fish are never presented here in such numbers as elsewhere, and that it would scarcely pay to make it a pursuit by itself. This, however, may be an error of judgment, such as has been noted more than once in connection with other branches of the fisheries, which were overlooked for years, and finally discovered by a sort of accident.

An instance of the kind is the abundant schooling of small herring around Nova Scotia harbors late in the fall. At all events, the matter is worth considering. In the eastern counties where smelt fishing has been more steadily followed, certain methods are employed with which we are not well acquainted here. This season a venture was made in Cape Breton, where there were seemingly small prospects, and yet it turned out extremely profitable.—Coast Guard, Clark's Harbor, N. S.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

A large vessel of the trawling type was brought into Wick harbor recently by the Ringdove. The reason for her capture is a peculiar one. The vessel, named the Grotious, is owned in Grimsby, and manned by an English crew, but is registered at Ymuiden, Holland. The Dutch authorities object to craft using their flag which have no title to that nationality, and this boat, being owned in England, they have cancelled her registration.

Whaling sch. Valkyria of Provincetown, formerly of this port, Capt. John Cook, and sch. Gov. Russell, Capt. George L. Dunham, will sail about May 1 for the North Atlantic whaling grounds.

Whaling Vessels Heard From.

Advices received at Port Townsend state that Capt. Mogg and his crew of the sch. Olga of San Francisco, long thought to have been lost, are alive, and were at Point Barrow, November 1, 1908. The Olga was left ice-bound about 330 miles east from Point Barrow, and will probably prove a total loss. The craft was fitted out as a whaler, going to the Arctic for bowheads, but has probably not done much whaling, being principally engaged in scientific explorations.

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Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Yakima, haddocking.
Sch. Effie M. Prior, haddocking.
Sch. Slade Gorton, haddocking.
Sch. Ramona, haddocking.
Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges.
Sch. Eugenia, Georges.
Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, salt banking.

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Large Dory Hand line Fleet.

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Will Include Crafts From Bucksport and Provincetown.

Some of the salt bank dory hand-line codfishing fleet will begin to fit out the latter part of this month. These will be principally the larger craft, or those intending to make two trips during the season. The fleet as a whole will be considerably larger than last year, thus more than making up for the small size of the trawl salt bank fleet.

Some of the dory handliners will not go until quite late but already those who will are pretty well decided upon. April, May and June will see the most of them get away and a few late ones, looking for Grand Bank and Virgin Rocks fishing will go even later than that. Four of the craft that will go bank trawling first will shift over after their spring trips and join this fleet. Other late ones will be recruited from other branches of the fisheries.

The fleet from this port, as at present decided upon, will number 26 sail against 18 sail from here last year. Of these 18 sail last season three made two trips. The whole fleet last season numbered 28 sail, six going from Bucksport, Maine, and four from Provincetown. This coming season five will go from Bucksport and four from Provincetown, making the total fleet 35 sail, an increase of eight vessels over last year.

The vessels of the fleet from here are as follows:

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Louis Wharton.
Sch. Annie M. Parker, Capt. Angus Hines.

Sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Thomas Benham.

Sch. W. E. Morrissey, Capt. Hiram Forbes.

Sch. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Capt. Fred Le Blanc.

Sch. Dora A. Lawson, Capt. William Williams.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. Nelson Thorburn.

Sch. Norma, Capt. Colin Nickerson.

Sch. Arbutus, Capt. Alex Kemp.

Sch. Madonna, Capt. Selig.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James D. Goodwin.

Sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis.

Sch. Mina Swim, Capt. William Forbes.

Sch. Elector, Capt. Daniel Rider.

Sch. Titania, Capt. Patrick Vale.

Sch. John R. Bradley, Capt. Peter Porthier.

Sch. Athlete, Capt. Leroy Spinney.

Sch. Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton.

Sch. Meteor, Capt. Manuel Cayton.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Capt. William Clark.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson, Capt. Charles Rudolph.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Capt. Simon Hirtle.

Sch. Flirt, Capt. Robert Winslow.

Sch. Claudia, Capt. William Wharton.

Sch. Harvard.

From Bucksport, Me., schs. Elizabeth N., T. M. Nicholson, Hiram Lowell, William Matheson, Lizzie Griffin.

From Provincetown, schs. Lottie Byrnes, American, Monitor, Gladstone.

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Struck Red Fish.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, Capt. Frank Cooney, which is at Boston today with 11,000 pounds of fresh cod and haddock, has also 10,000 pounds of bream, or "red fish." She must have struck a regular school of them.